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SUPERMAN CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL
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WITH THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY.
MY NAME IS BARRY ALLEN. I'M THE FLASH.
SUPERMAN AND I HAVE RACED MANY TIMES...
...BUT TODAY I NEED HIM TO WIN.
THE MULTIVERSE DEPENDS ON IT.

SEVEN DAYS AGO, CHALLENGERS' MOUNTAIN **APPEARED** IN GOTHAM CITY FROM A WORLD OF CHAOS CALLED THE **DARK MULTIVERSE.***

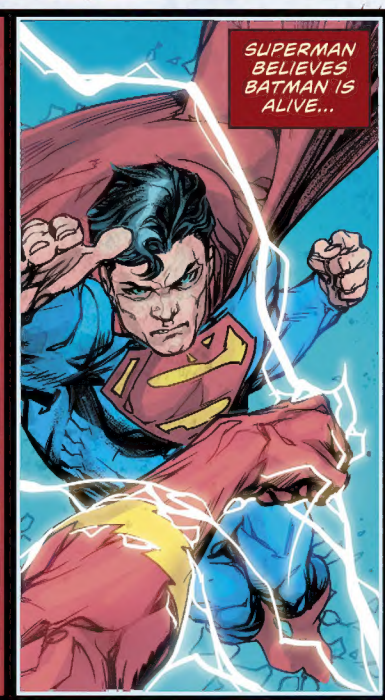
IT WAS LIKE THE **SHOT** OF A **STARTING GUN** TO A **RACE** WITH **NO END.**

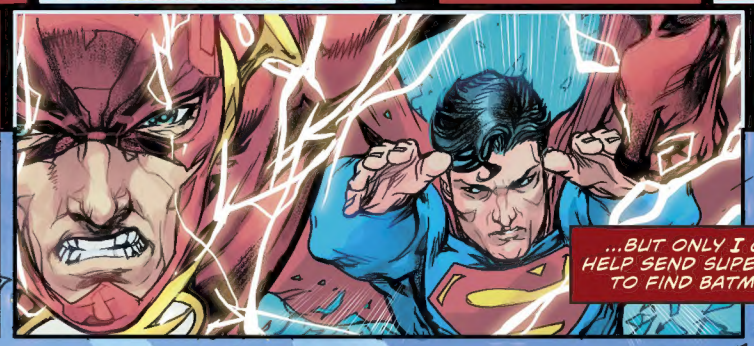
A RACE WHERE I'VE BEEN **RUNNING** AGAINST MY WORST **FEARS,** MADE REAL.

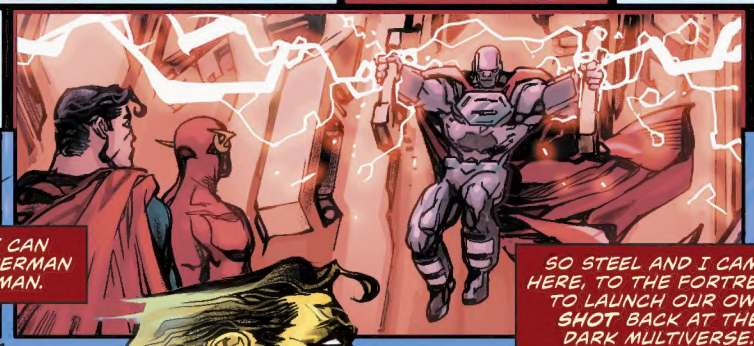
THE DEMON **BARBATOS** USED **BATMAN** AS A DOORWAY TO OUR WORLD AND BROUGHT THROUGH SEVEN **NIGHTMARE** VERSIONS OF BRUCE WAYNE.

PERVERSIONS OF NOT ONLY BATMAN, BUT OF THE LEAGUE AS WELL. THROUGH THEM, THE WORLD HAS BEEN **TRANSFORMED.**

* See METAL #1! --Tay

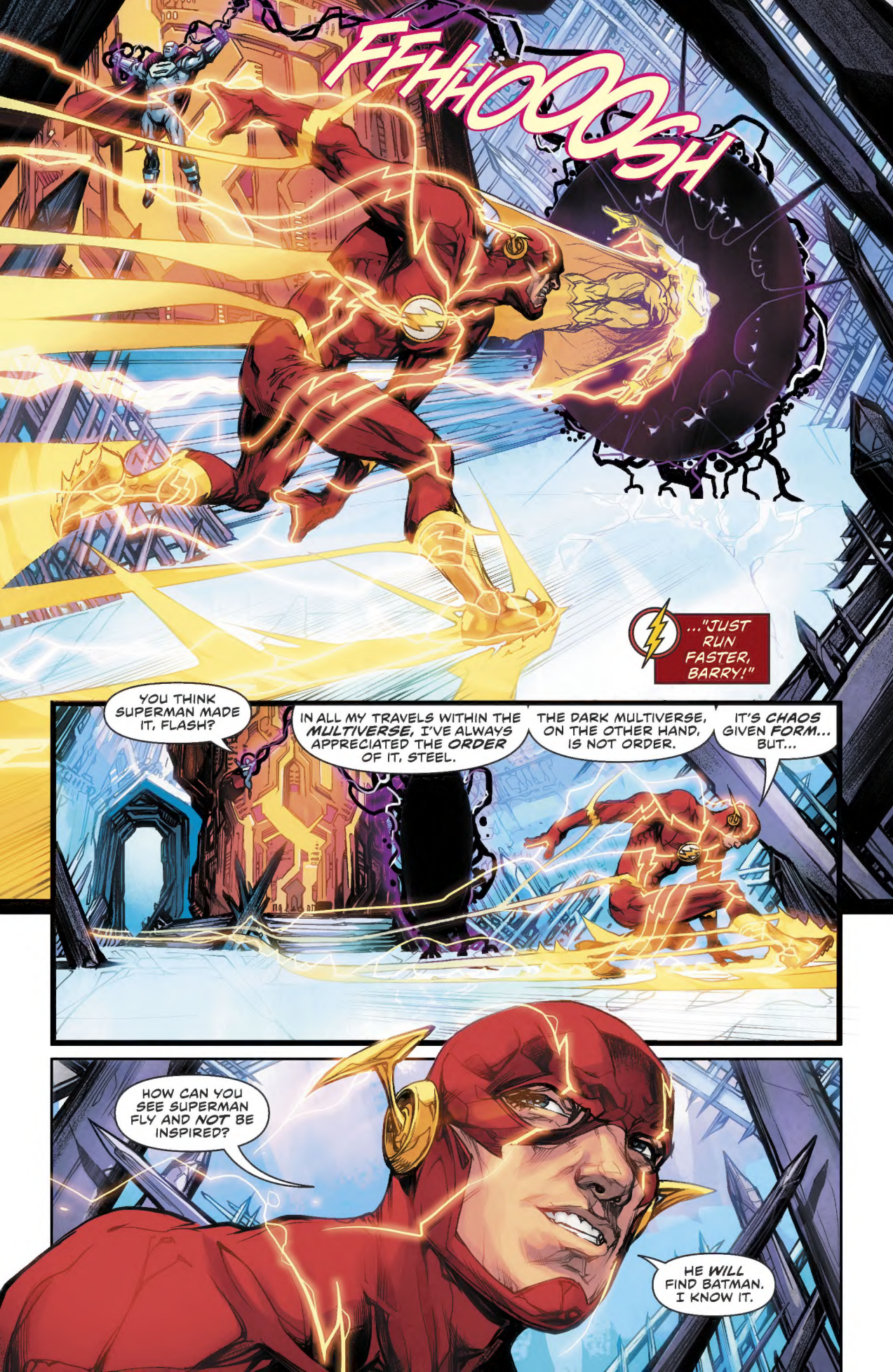






I DON'T KNOW IF CENTRAL CITY IS STILL STANDING OR IF IRIS OR WALLY ARE ALIVE.

BUT I CAN HEAR BRUCE'S VOICE IN MY HEAD, SAYING WHAT HE ALWAYS SAYS WHENEVER I'M UNCERTAIN...


FFHOOOSH
...“JUST RUN FASTER, BARRY!”
YOU THINK SUPERMAN MADE IT, FLASH?
IN ALL MY TRAVELS WITHIN THE MULTIVERSE, I’VE ALWAYS APPRECIATED THE ORDER OF IT, STEEL.
THE DARK MULTIVERSE, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS NOT ORDER.
IT’S CHAOS GIVEN FORM... BUT...
HOW CAN YOU SEE SUPERMAN FLY AND NOT BE INSPIRED?
HE WILL FIND BATMAN. I KNOW IT.

I WISH I SHARED YOUR OPTIMISM, FLASH.
THE PORTAL TO THE DARK MULTIVERSE IS HOLDING STRONG... FOR NOW.
I'D LOVE TO STUDY THIS MACHINE.
IT CALLS TO THE METAL IN MY HAMMER...
IGNORE IT.
THE KNOWN MULTIVERSE EXISTS ON DIFFERENT VIBRATIONAL PLANES...
...AND THIS COSMIC TUNING TOWER WAS DESIGNED TO ALIGN THEM.
BUT BATMAN STUDYING IT IS PART OF WHY WE'RE ALL IN THIS MESS TO BEGIN WITH.
THE VIBRATIONS COMING OFF IT...
...I'VE FELT THEM... BEFORE.
WE'RE MEN OF SCIENCE, FLASH.
BUT WE DON'T NEED OUR DEGREES TO SEE THAT BATMAN HAD NO BUSINESS WITH A DEVICE OF THIS MAGNITUDE.
WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT AFTER SUPERMAN FINDS HIM. THEY'RE GOING TO NEED THIS PORTAL OPEN TO COME HOME.
HOPEFULLY, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE'S SATELLITE RELAY IS STILL WORKING...
FLASH TO JUSTICE LEAGUE. DO YOU READ ME?
SUPERMAN'S ENTERED THE PHANTOM ZONE TO FIND BATMAN. PLEASE TELL ME YOU'VE FOUND MOUNTAINS OF NTH METAL AND ARE ALREADY ON YOUR WAY BACK.

I WISH THAT WERE *TRUE*, FLASH.

THE GODS HAVE NOT BLESSED MY JOURNEY TO THE ***ROCK OF ETERNITY*** WITH DOCTOR FATE AND KENDRA SAUNDERS, BUT IF THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO ***RETRIEVE*** THE NTH METAL, THEN IT WILL BE WORTH DIVINE WRATH.

HEY, SPACE IS NO PICNIC EITHER, WONDER WOMAN.

MR. TERRIFIC AND I ARE HEADING TO THE HIDDEN HEART OF THE ***REAL*** THANAGAR EMPIRE, AND I DO ***NOT*** LIKE FLYING BLIND INTO THE UNKNOWN LIKE THIS...

AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT SADDLED WITH GREEDY POND SCUM LIKE DEATHSTROKE, LANTERN.

I'M RIGHT HERE.

BUT IF THE NTH METAL CAN KILL THOSE TWISTED VERSIONS OF BATMAN?

I WILL RISK ATLANTIS TO BREACH THE FORBIDDEN HALLS BENEATH...

JUSTICE LEAGUE, I KNOW YOU'RE ***STRESSED***, BUT REMEMBER WE CAN'T LET OUR FRUSTRATIONS GET IN THE WAY OF OUR TEAMWORK.

NOW, MY PART IN SUPERMAN'S GAME PLAN MIGHT BE DONE, BUT THERE'S NO WAY STEEL AND I ARE GOING TO STAND AROUND WHILE THE REST OF YOU RISK YOUR LIVES TO SAVE THE WORLD.

WHERE CAN I HELP?

YOU ZZRTZ CAN'T.

CYBORG?! THAT YOU, BUDDY?

YES, FLASH... IT'S ME! YOU HAVE TO KNOW ZZRTZ YOU ARE OUT OF ZZRTZ TIME.

THEY

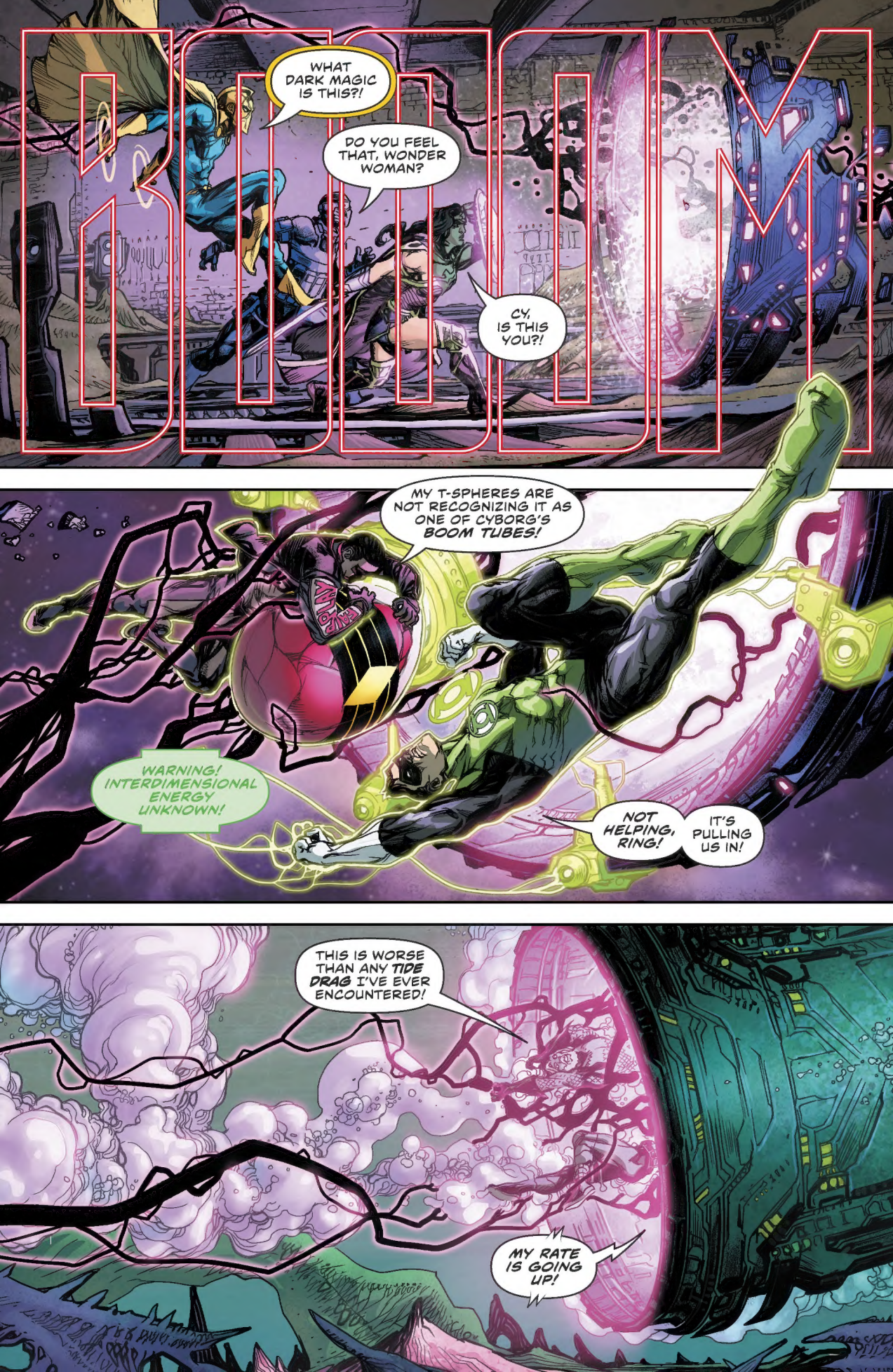
ARE

COMING

FOR

YOU.

RUN.


BOOM!
WHAT DARK MAGIC IS THIS?!
DO YOU FEEL THAT, WONDER WOMAN?
CY, IS THIS YOU?!
MY T-SPHERES ARE NOT RECOGNIZING IT AS ONE OF CYBORG'S BOOM TUBES!
WARNING! INTERDIMENSIONAL ENERGY UNKNOWN!
NOT HELPING, RING!
IT'S PULLING US IN!
THIS IS WORSE THAN ANY TIDE DRAG I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED!
MY RATE IS GOING UP!

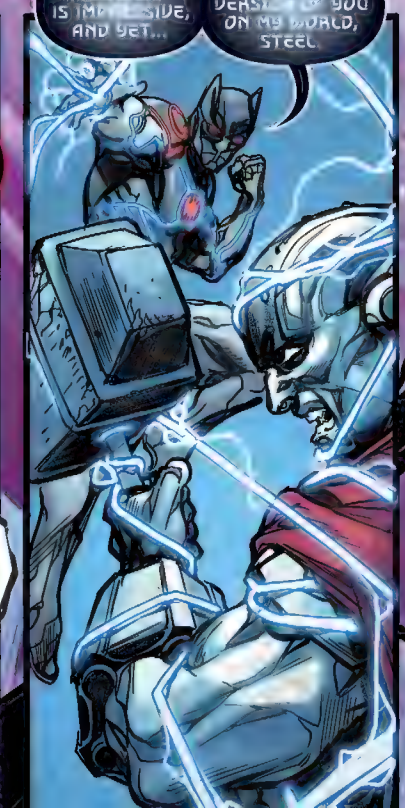
GUYS?! TALK TO ME!
WONDER WOMAN?!
LANTERN?!
AQUAMAN?!
BOOM
IS CYBORG BRINGING THEM HERE...?
NO...LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ABOUT TO HAVE SOME BAD COMPANY.
I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE, FLASH.
I NEVER LIKED BATMAN.
YOU JUST NEED TO GET TO KNOW HIM...
...AND YOU'RE ABOUT TO HAVE TWO CHANCES RIGHT NOW!

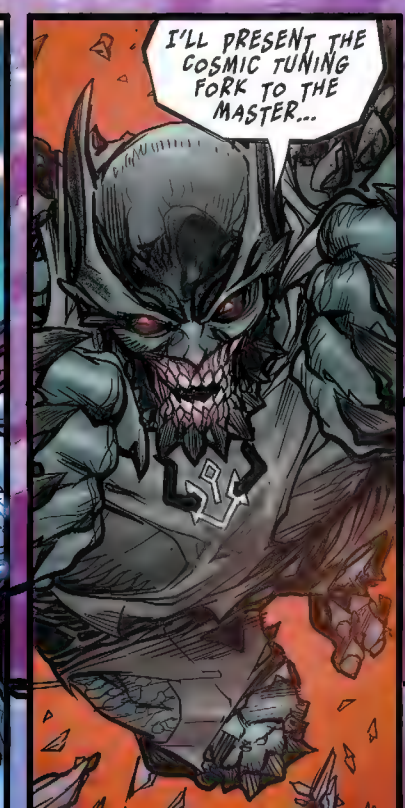
THE MAN OF STEEL IS MINE.

MURDER MACHINE!

HE'S ALL YOURS, I'VE ALREADY KILLED ONE OF THOSE.

DEVASTATOR!

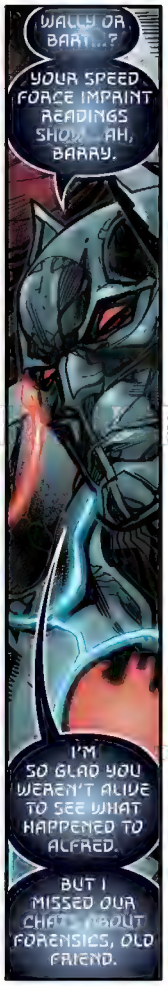


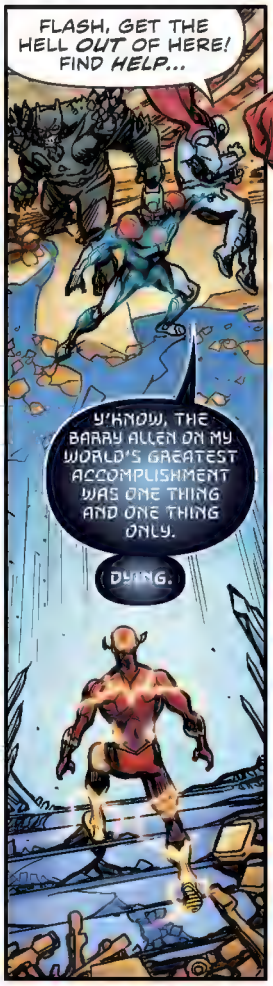


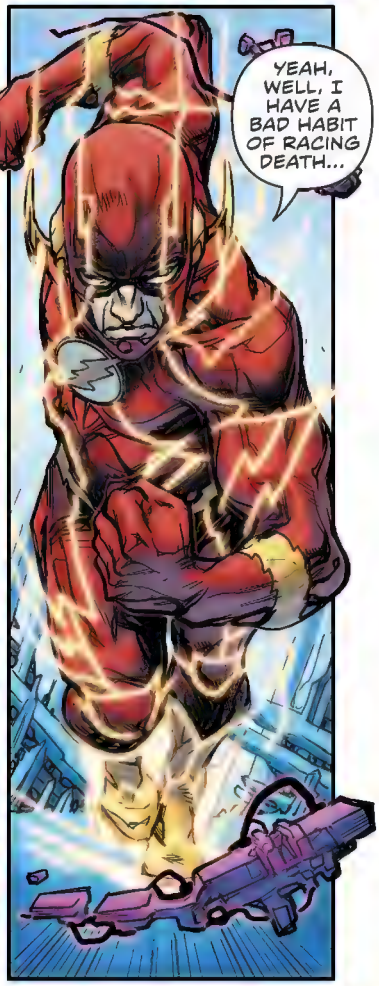
KRR
...AFTER I REBUILD IT!
HHHSSRR

THE PORTAL!
SUPERMAN AND BATMAN...
THEY'RE TRAPPED...

UHN...
LOOK AT YOU...SUCH A FAST LEARNER.
WHICH FLASH ARE YOU, BTW THE WAY?


WALLY OR BART...?
YOUR SPEED FORCE IMPRINT READINGS SHOW...AH, BARRY.
I'M SO GLAD YOU WEREN'T ALIVE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO ALFRED.
BUT I MISSED OUR CHATS ABOUT FORENSICS, OLD FRIEND.


FLASH, GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE! FIND HELP...
Y'KNOW, THE BARRY ALLEN ON MY WORLD'S GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS ONE THING AND ONE THING ONLY.
DYING.


YEAH, WELL, I HAVE A BAD HABIT OF RACING DEATH...

...AND WINNING!
BOOM

Central City.

Welcome to Central City

STAR LABORATORIES

CC JITTERS

BOOTH

BUM

DAMN! THEY TAUNTED ME INTO A TRAP AND I RAN RIGHT AT IT!

BUT WHY WOULD THE DARK KNIGHTS SEND ME BACK--

BIG BELLY BURGER

--HOME...?

OH NO...

FLASH!

WALLY...?

...IRIS...?

I-I'M SORRY, IRIS--FOR JUDGING YOU LIKE I DID.

RED DEATH... HIS POWERS MADE YOU SO BRITTLE...BE CAREFUL.

I KEEP HOPING I'LL WAKE UP FROM THIS NIGHTMARE AND FIND YOU SLEEPING NEXT TO ME LIKE BEFORE...

I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH, BARRY--I'M SORRY I KILLED THAWNE--

SHH...I KNOW. I KNOW...I WON'T LET ANOTHER MOMENT PASS WITHOUT YOU, IRIS.

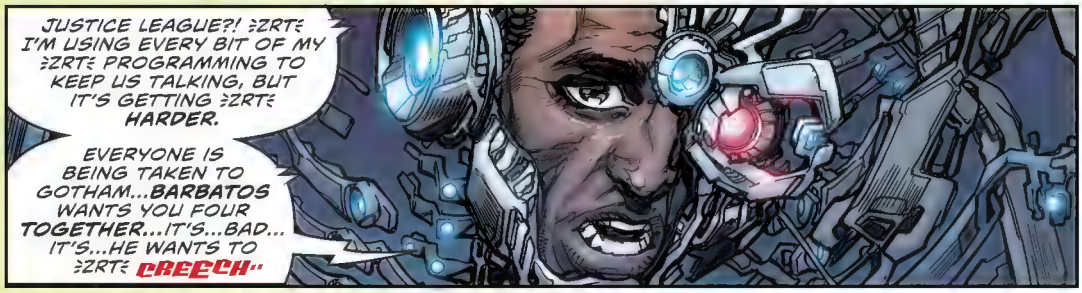
I'LL GET YOU AND WALLY OUT OF CENTRAL CITY. I'LL SAVE--

FLASH!

KRAKK

...IN THE END...
...ALL ROADS LEAD BACK...
AGHHH!
...TO DARKNESS.

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?! THE DARK ENERGY MUST BE GETTING STRONGER.
...SUPERMAN SAID HE HAD HORRIFIC VISIONS IN METROPOLIS THAT SHOWED HIM LOSING OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
UGH!
THUMP
I HAVE TO GET BACK TO--
FLASH?
AQUAMAN?!
WE APPEAR TO BE IN CONTACT AGAIN...BUT I'VE LOST DEATHSTROKE.
I'M CURRENTLY FLYING SOLO AS WELL.
THEY SEPARATED US FROM OUR ALLIES. THEY WANTED US ALONE.


JUSTICE LEAGUE?! ≥ZRT≤ I'M USING EVERY BIT OF MY ≥ZRT≤ PROGRAMMING TO KEEP US TALKING, BUT IT'S GETTING ≥ZRT≤ HARDER.
EVERYONE IS BEING TAKEN TO GOTHAM...BARBATOS WANTS YOU FOUR TOGETHER...IT'S...BAD... IT'S...HE WANTS TO ≥ZRT≤ CREECH--

CYBORG?!
YOU'RE BREAKING UP! YOU THERE?!
DAMN! THE DARKNESS IN HERE IS IMPENETRABLE!
DON'T WORRY, HAL...

BRUCE?! OH MY GOD, IT'S SO GOOD TO HEAR YOUR--
EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE OKAY.
ARE YOU IN THE DARK WITH US, TOO?

TRSHHH
YES, LET ME HELP YOU FIND THE LIGHT, BARRY.

I KNOW I'M NOT EXACTLY THE BRUCE YOU WERE HOPING FOR.
BUT I AM BRUCE. WE ALL ARE.
LET ME REMIND YOU OF A STORY WE HAVE IN COMMON.
ON MY WORLD, I DEVELOPED WAYS TO ELIMINATE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE...
THEN THEY FOUND OUT AND WERE SO DISAPPOINTED IN ME, I BETRAYED THEIR TRUST.
IT WAS A DARK TIME FOR THE LEAGUE.
BUT IN ALL HONESTY...I WAS HOLDING BACK.
NOW IMAGINE IF SEVEN BRUCE WAYNES PUT THEIR HEADS TOGETHER...WHAT HORROR THEY COULD BE CAPABLE OF.
INSTITUTE OF MARINE RESEARCH
IF THEY WERE TO, SAY...DEVELOP SEPARATE MURDEROUS BATCAVES METICULOUSLY DESIGNED WITH EACH OF YOU IN MIND.
SO I HOPE YOU APPRECIATE OUR WORK, BECAUSE...

...YOU'RE GOING TO DIE HERE.
HA.
HA.
HA.
I CAN HEAR BRUCE'S VOICE...
...BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IT'S NOT TELLING ME TO GO FASTER.
IT'S TELLING ME THAT THERE IS NOWHERE TO RUN...
NEXT: THE JUSTICE LEAGUE VS. THE DARK KNIGHTS IN JUSTICE LEAGUE #32.
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A DC ALL ACCESS INTERVIEW WITH

GAL GADOT

How does Diana's story from the *Wonder Woman* film tie into the story line of *Justice League*?

When we were shooting the *Wonder Woman* movie, it was all about Diana and the evolution that she goes through. When we meet her again in *Justice League*, she has been around for many years in the world of men, but it's still the same character. She's there to help people and to try and make the world a better place. The only difference is that she has been working alone for many years.

How do you see her role on the team? What does she bring to the dynamic?

For me it was important that she be the glue of the team. I think that one of the special and beautiful things about Diana is that she cares for people in the most sincere way. So in her scenes, I made sure that she would make every one of them feel stronger, loved and capable. The story in *Justice League* is far bigger than Diana; it's about the entire League.

What was it like the first time you saw everyone in costume?

Surreal. It was super-strange and funny but very exciting. In the first two days that we were shooting, one moment I'm being super-serious with the sword and the shield, and the next I would just burst out loud laughing. Everyone looks just like they do in the comic books. Then they cut and it's like Halloween.

Does Diana fight differently and blend her skills alongside her new teammates?

I think the only difference is that they have to work together. It's like a dance. One of them should set up the hit and then another should deliver it at the perfect time. I think that fighting alongside the team puts more stress on Diana, because she doesn't want anything to happen to any of them.

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